

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

I think it would make things more difficult and with that it would be more expensive wich is really bad for the economy and especially for the company's using this technology because if the consumer can't afford it the technology can't be implemented

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

It will interfere it is not possible to make something and when a certain action takes place it won't interfere. To make this will cost time and money and alot of research I think that when this will be implemented it will be useless or too expensive. And with that digital use is growing so is digital piracy if something is digital it can be hacked.

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

Again I also want to make the remark that this flag needs to draw a line of what it wants to do. Because if it remains passive using certain equipment older or not it will stay useless.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

I agree but everytime a developer even thinks about the broadcast flag it is costing time and money. If it actually does not hinder new developments I am afraid this broadcast flag isn't aggressive enough to stop piracy of any kind.

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

I think it WILL increase the costs of any consumer product that uses a product wich is in anyway related to this broadcast flag.

Other Comments:

My opinion is that certain groups are too aggressive towards piracy. This means their actions actually encourage pirating groups and the use of pirated products. Because taking steps costs time and wich ever way you turn it:

"time is money"

And when things become more expensive because extensive research on means to put piracy to a halt will have an impact on the consumer. And the consumer probably does not want to pay for a war that company's wage against piracy. And company's don't want to pay for it either. I think this is a spiral development on ways to circumvent this flag will go faster and are cheaper. It's quicker to destroy than to build is what I say.